

**Eastern Region ACPE
Mini-Newsletter
March 15, 2005**

Greetings from almost spring! This is said after the several snowfalls last week which caused many of us in Connecticut to drive with caution. We are requesting that these be the last of the season, but Nancy swears the Farmer's Almanac promises more for the month of March. In the meantime, we trust that everyone is safe and waiting for the warmth of spring. Nancy and Jo Clare

News and Updates

- **Email from Joanne Martindale in Iraq:** We have been in communication with Joanne and at her request include the following email. **Please email her a short greeting if you have the time.** She has shared with us what a typical day is like which includes beginning a "battle rhythm meeting" with prayer, visit with soldiers having problems, often deliver the news of the death of a loved one from back home and supervise chaplains and chaplain assistants. The Division she is with helps to provide needed supplies to bases in Iraq. She is running a "CPE type" group that continues from the one she started at Fort Dix as well as several support groups. She told us that they get mortared and rocketed about 6-8 times a day - sometimes the windows are blown out in the process. As she notes below she would enjoy getting email and at our recent Certification Committee she was granted an extension of Candidacy due to special circumstances. We are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers as well as her sons and Bob.

Jo Claire and Nancy,

***Please feel free to pass along my email to regional members and other who would like it. It is always so uplifting to receive email from friends back home. As you know life is busy here. I flew to another FOB (Forward Operating Base) yesterday for another memorial ceremony for six soldiers who died in combat. It seems that I either perform a ceremony or attend one every three days. I was the chaplain on call the day of the Iraq elections so I visited all the Iraqis and Americans that came to the Combat Support Hospital for care of that day. Also the pastoral care is huge but really meaningful. Thanks for your care and concern, it means more than I can say. Love Joanne
Her email: RevJMartindale@aol.com***

- We have had a request for knowledge of whether anyone has ever done a survey for resident stipends in this region. If you are aware of such a source of information please pass this on to Sally Campbell at St. Luke's Medical Center in PA.
- The new ACPE Standards and Manual are out and you should have received your copy. They look great and it is wonderful to have such a

comprehensive resource. If you don't have one contact us or the national office. We have extra available.

- The "C" Committee met March 3-4, 2005 at Tuscarora Inn in Mt. Bethel, PA.

Congratulations for achieving Supervisory Candidacy status:
Theresa Lowther!! Catholic Health System in Buffalo
Jacobus P. Greyling!! Vitas Health Care in Pennsylvania
(EPICS supervisory group)

Congratulations for Extension of Candidacy:
Rhoda Toperzer, Steven Englehardt, Ramona Cecille and
John Callanan

Readiness Consultations: Beth Naditch, and Karen
Gazzillo

Equivalency Consultation: Patrick Buza (equivalency was
confirmed)

Thanks to all those who worked hard!

- The 2005 ExNE Spring Conference May 4-6 at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center is not far away. The brochures have been mailed out and you can also go to the website www.eneacpe.org and download one from there! The conference theme is "Spiritual Care as Hermeneutics: Interpreting Illness through a Spiritual Lens" and we have a wonderful speaker in Dr. John Swinton. Much appreciation to Bill Gaventa and the annual conference committee for their hard work. Please register by April 15. We can celebrate spring!
- Also coming up even sooner: Women Supervising Women at the Mercy Center in Madison, CT March 31 - April 1. The theme is "Women in Leadership: Navigating Roles and Expectations" . The registration deadline was March 1. We look forward to seeing women from the Eastern and Northeast regions. Again, there is information at our regional website.
- The registrations have gone out for our spring Seminar on Supervision (SOS) at Stony Point. If you have not received a registration please contact Meigs Ross at Healthcare Chaplaincy mross@healthcarechaplaincy.org or the regional office. (FYI: Our goal in the future is to be able to have online registration for all events)
- Robert Morse is looking for a roommate (male) for the ACPE Board of Representatives and ACPE Conference meetings in Hawaii in October.

He will be in Hawaii Oct 23 - 29 and is willing to have someone room with him for one or both of those times. If you are interested please contact him at telephone 207-662-2352 or email: Morser@mmc.org . Robert is CPE Supervisor at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

- **CPE RESIDENCY, WellSpan Health, York, PA.** Five full-time Residency positions available. Late August 2005 -August 2006. \$25,000 (meals at no cost) plus employee benefit package. Large, community teaching hospital and trauma center with extensive medical specialties and community involvement. Chaplains will minister to patients by "service lines" (Oncology, Cardiovascular, etc). Program offers 4 units of CPE. On-site admission interview required for final candidates. Apply to: The Rev. James Winjum, Department of Pastoral Care & Education, York Hospital, 1001 S. George Street, York, PA 17405. (717) 851-2305. E-mail: jwinjum2@wellspan.org. Visit our website at www.wellspan.org for information on WellSpan Health. Our CPE pages: www.wellspan.org/EducationResearch/ClinicalPastoralEducation.htm
- Welcome to the Region: Bill Reynolds, ACPE Supervisor from Atlanta, GA who is working now at Strong Memorial Hospital as Assistant Director of Chaplaincy Services, part of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York We are happy to welcome another person from the South! We understand he enjoys cross-country skiing and apparently Georgia did not have enough snow for him.
- Please make sure you are using the correct email when getting in touch with the Regional Office: The correct address is eastern@eneacpe.org (Make sure you use the eneacpe - not enacpe. Don't forget the second "e") Also, the website should have all the correct information for getting in touch with us including fax (which is a different number than the regional office - 860-545-3594)
- Please remember that next year's REM meeting will be in New York City and Rev. Johnny Bush will be writing about this in the spring newsletter. If you are a student that received a REM scholarship for the Feb 2005 meeting in Miami and have not sent in your reimbursement request please do so ASAP in order to receive your money. Please include an address for the reimbursement to be sent to along with the documentation.
- **Please see the end of this mini-newsletter for important information about upcoming certification deadlines!**

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- ***Pastoral Concerns: Rabbi Nathan Goldberg's (NY's Beth Israel supervisor) 6 year old daughter Tova was severely burned and is home from the intensive care unit. Nathan and his wife Ayelet are pleased that she started back to school this week but have obviously been through much stress. Please keep them in your prayers.***
 - ***You may have heard by now about our ACPE Executive Director Teresa Snorton and her family. JoAnna Nash, her youngest son Gary's long time girlfriend died February 23rd after a sudden and brief battle with staph pneumonia. The symptoms went from a minor cold to her hospitalization on a respirator. This is a tragic loss for both families. We know Teresa has had a hard last several month with the illness of her other son, Garland, and now this loss. Please keep them in your prayers.***
 - ***Tom Kilts, Associate Supervisor at Griffin Hospital/HealthCare Chaplaincy is recovering from hospitalization and treatment for severe back pains. They apparently have made a diagnosis and he is receiving treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery!***
 - ***We received an email this morning from our former regional director Jack Gleason. He and Marie head off tomorrow for their new home in Indiana. They are making some visits on the way and beginning April 12 their new address will be: 831 Gazebo Way, Greenwood, IN 46142. In the meantime Jack plans on checking his email if possible at j_mgleason@juno.com. They will be going to VA first to be with Marie's dad who is having some health problems. We wish them the very best and will keep them in our prayers. We will miss you Jack!***

Deadlines for the Fall

Regional Certification Meeting

At Stony Pt., NY

Declaration of Intent to Meet Committee and Fee Payment to Eastern Region Certification Chair.....Postmarked by.....July 8, 2005

(Must be Hard Copy via US Postal Service, no fax, e-mail or phone calls)

(Payable to Eastern Region, ACPE)

**Materials in the hands of Presenter and Subcommittee
Members.....August 19, 2005**

Eastern Region Certification Committee Meeting..September 21 - 23, 2005

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(Fees: Readiness - \$150; Candidacy - \$200; Extension - \$200)